(b) The floor area of 600 sq. ft. has been notified for Delhi, Mumbai, etc. in respect of residential property, in view of relatively high market value of property in these places signifying greater affluence of the occupants.

(c) There is no such proposal.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) A new simplified Return Form (Form No. 2C) has been devised and issued for those who are required to file return of income under the said proviso. This Return Form is to used by any person who has not filed his return of income hitherto and who fulfills any two of the following conditions, namely :—

(i) was in occupation of immovable property exceeding the specified floor area;

(ii) was the owner or the lessee of a motor vehicle;

(iii) was a subscriber to a telephone. or

(iv) incurred any expenditure on travel to a foreign country for himself or for any other person.

Loans Released by Nationalised Banks and NABARD to Agricultural Sector in Punjab

2211. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be plased to state:

(a) the total loan amount released by the nationalised banks and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development during the year 1994-95 and 1995-96 till date for agriculture sector in the State of Punjab; and

(b) the number of loan applications received from the farmers during the above period in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SAT PAL MAHARAJ): (a) As reported by Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the details of advances by nationalised and scheduled commercial banks to agriculture sector in Punjab for the year 1994-95 (latest available) are given below :

(Rs. in crores)

	Direct advances (disbursement to agriculture - end June 1995)		Total advances (outstanding to Agriculture - end March 1995)	
	No. of A/cs.	Amount disbursed	No. of A/cs.	Amount outstanding
Nationalised Banks	82857	239.32	355890	896.97
All scheduled commercial banks . . .	114244	362.57	604860	1546.17

National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development, (NABARD) provides refinance to commercial banks, regional rural banks and co-operative banks for onlending to farmers for various agricultural and rural development activities. NABARD does not provide any assistance to farmers directly. The details of refinance disbursed by NABARD to agriculture sector in Punjab are given below:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Purpose	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
Investment Credit	17726	18898	22456
Short Term Refinance	25310	25651	31162
Medium Term Refinance	..	..	16
Loans provided to State Government for share capital assistance to cooperative institutions	620	188	..

(b) The data reporting systems of RBI and NABARD do not generate this information.

Financing of Self-Employment Schemes by Commercial Banks in North-Eastern Region

2212. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Commercial bank working in the North-Eastern States are not properly financing the self-employment schemes;

(b) the commercial banks loans target and achievements during the Eighth Five Year Plan in the region of North-East on State-wise basis; and

(c) if the commercial banks are reluctant in financing the self-employment schemes what alternate arrangement are contemplated by Government or implementing the schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

प्राथमिकता क्षेत्र की परिभाषा में संशोधन

2213. **श्री राम जेठमलानी** : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार बैंकों द्वारा ऋण दिये जाने के संबंध में प्राथमिकता क्षेत्र की परिभाषा में संशोधन करने का विचार रखती है ;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं तथा वर्तमान में प्राथमिकता क्षेत्र की परिभाषा क्या है ; और

(ग) परिभाषा में संशोधन करके उसमें नये क्षेत्रों को शामिल न किये जाने के क्या कारण हैं ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सतपाल महाराज) : (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) और (ग) वाणिज्यिक बैंकों द्वारा दिए जाने वाले प्राथमिकता क्षेत्र ऋणों में निम्नलिखित शामिल हैं :

(i) कृषि

(ii) लघु उद्योग

(iii) लघु सड़क एवं जल परिवहन चालक